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SUBJECT: NATOMIN: RESTRUCTURING OF NAC MINISTERIAL MEETING FORMAT

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1. MISSION HAS DISCUSSED NAC AGENDA AND RESTRUCTURING WITH I.S. IN THE WEEKS SINCE ISSUANCE OF P.O. ON THIS SUBJECT (USNATO 1628). FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF REFTEL, MISSION AGAIN DISCUSSED MATTER WITH ASYG KASTL. AS A RESULT, I.S. WILL CIRCULATE FOLLOWING DRAFT AGENDA AT SPC MEETING, FRIDAY, MAY 17:

WHEN INTRODUCED IN SPC ON MAY 17, MISSION INTENDS TO GIVE IT GENERAL SUPPORT WHILE, OF COURSE, STATING THAT TEXT WOULD BE REFERRED TO WASHINGTON FOR GUIDANCE.

BEGIN TEXT

I. REVIEW OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION

(A) EAST-WEST RELATIONS

- MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS:

DOCUMENTS :C-M.....(1)

(PO.....)(2)

- CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION

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DOCUMENTS: PO.....

- OTHER SUBJECTS (3)

(B) THE SITUATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

DOCUMENT: C-M.....

II. ATLANTIC RELATIONS

III. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

IV. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MINISTERIAL MEETING

V. COMMUNIQUE - DECLARATION(?)

(1) THIS WILL BE THE AHG PROGRESS REPORT

(2) ONLY IF COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF AHG PROGRESS REPORT WARRANTS
A SEPARATE PO

(3) SALT ETC. END TEXT

2. DEPT WILL NOTE THAT I.S. DOES NOT CURRENTLY PLAN TO DESCRIBE AN
AGENDA ITEM IN TERMS OF "MATTERS OUTSIDE THE TREATY AREA." MISSION
AGREES WITH I.S. RATIONALE ON THIS WHICH IS THAT FRENCH, AT LEAST,
WOULD OBJECT TO AN AGENDA ITEM FORMULATED IN THIS WAY. SUBJECT OF
MIDDLE EAST HOWEVER, CAN BE HANDLED UNDER HEADINGS OF "THE
MEDITERRANEAN" WHICH IS AN ESTABLISHED ITEM FOR NATO MINISTERIAL
MEETINGS. FURTHERMORE, THE MEDITERRANEAN REPORT CUSTOMARILY TREATS
DEVELOPMENTS IN MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES.

3. IF THE DEPARTMENT DESIRES, MISSION COULD PROPOSE A NEW AGENDA
TOPIC ENTITLED "(C) OTHER POLITICAL SUBJECTS" TO APPEAR UNDER
ITEM I. THIS COULD COVER ISSUES DRAWN FROM REGIONAL EXPERTS
MISSION NOTES THAT SUCH AN OPEN-ENDED AGENDA ITEM COULD ALSO BE
SEEN BY SOME MINISTERS AS AN INVITATION TO DISCUSS, E.G., DEMOCRACY
IN GREECE. ON BALANCE, MISSION IS INCLINED TO SEEK ADDITION
OF SUCH AN AGENDA ITEM.

4. NOTE ALSO THAT EAST-WEST RELATIONS ITEM, IN
ADDITION TO CSCE AND MBFR TOPICS, INCLUDES A SUB-ITEM, "OTHER
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SUBJECTS", WHICH COULD PROVIDE AN UMBRELLA FOR A DISCUSSION OF
BERLIN AND COULD ALSO EMBRACE SALT AND SUMMITRY. IN VIEW OF
LIKELY INTEREST OF OTHER DELEGATIONS IN BOTH SALT AND THE U.S./
SOVIET SUMMIT MEETING, THIS IS A REASONABLE PROPOSAL IN MISSION'S
VIEW.

5. MISSION ASSUMES THAT DEPARTMENT HAS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED
INCLUDING ITEM ON BURDENSARING WHICH APPEARED IN LAST DECEMBER'S
AGENDA.

6. AS REGARDS ORGANIZATION OF DISCUSSION BY AGENDA TOPICS, MISSION
PLANS TO STATE AT SPC MEETING AND AT SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS IN
PERMREPS LUNCH AND COUNCIL THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL ORGANIZE

HIS DISCUSSION IN THAT WAY. WE ARE INCLINED TO THINK THIS WILL
BRING ALONG MOST OTHER FOREIGN MINISTERS WITHOUT THE NEED FOR ALL
FORMAL DECISION BY THE GOUNCIL TO THAT EFFECT.

7. OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO WASHINGTON ARE ISOLATED COMMENTS BY
SOME DELEGATIONS THAT THE NEW FORMAT FOR MINISTERIAL MEETINGS
WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR THE MANY NEW FOREIGN MINISTERS TO HANDLE.
CERTAINLY THIS FIRST EXPERIMENT IN THE NEW FORMAT WILL PRESENT
CHALLENGES TO FOREIGN MINISTERS WHO ARE NEW IN THEIR JOBS.
HOWEVER, MISSION BELIEVES THAT FOR THE VERY REASON THAT MANY
MINISTERS ARE NEW, IT IS DESIRABLE TO ACCUSTOM THEM FROM THE OUTSET
TO THIS NEW FORMAT.
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